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SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY INVENTORS

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- I. My residence and citizenship are stated below next to my name.
- 2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of the above-identified reissue application, and believe myself to be the original, first, and a joint inventor of the invention described and claimed in the aforesaid reissue application and in U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,034,423 on which said reissue application is based.
- I do not know and do not believe that said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before the invention thereof by myself.
- 4. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information I am aware of which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.
- 5. I believe that the original patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,034,423, is partly inoperative as the patent claims less than I had the right to claim in the patent. As an example, the patent failed to broadly claim the bus bar in an exposed lead environment aspect of the invention as

recited in claim 11. I believe that the original claim set was in error and partially inoperative at least in part because all of the originally granted independent claims specifically required that each of the leads include a "circular portion formed as an attachment pad" and that such limitations are unduly limiting in the context of claims directed at the bus bar feature (e.g., new claim 11).

6. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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